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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER GRYDENLUND REVIEWS NORWEGIAN POLICY
IN PARLIAMENT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND DELIVERED HIS ANNUAL

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SPRING POLICY REVIEW TO PARLIAMENT MAY 23. ALTHOUGH A

MAJOR STATEMENT OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN POLICY, FRYDENLUND'S REMARKS CONTAINED NO SURPRISES AND INCLUDED SOME REASSURING LANGUAGE ON POSTURE OF US IN POST-VIET NAM ERA. MAJOR AREAS OF EMPHASIS WERE VIET NAM, MIDDLE EAST, MEDITERRANEAN, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, NATO AND CSCE. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM FRYDENLUND'S STATEMENT:

VIETNAM-THIS PORTION OF THE ADDRESS CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS, POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND 30 MILLION KRONER NORWAY IS PROVIDING IN RELIEF AID. COMMENTING ON ANXIETY EXPRESSED IN VARIOUS QUARTERS ABOUT US ABILITY AND WILL TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS, FRYDENLUND SAID "THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SHARE THIS ANXIETY. THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE INTERNAL DISPUTES OF THE PEOPLES OF INDO-CHINA EXPOSED THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ITSELF TO SEVERE TRIALS AT HOME. AT THE SAME TIME THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM IMPOSED A HEAVY STRAIN ON THE UNITED STATES' INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS--EVEN FOR A COUNTRY LIKE NORWAY, FOR WHICH THE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN NORWEGIAN FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY. THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES FROM VIETNAM HAS NOT WEAKENED THE AMERICANS."

MIDDLE EAST- FRYDENLUND STUCK A RATHER PESSIMISTIC TONE ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION BASED ON HIS RECENT VISITS TO CAIRO AND TEL AVIV. HE STRESSED WIDE GAP SEPARATING PARTIES DESPITE COMMON DESIRE FOR LASTING PEACE AND PREDICTED THE SOLUTIONS WILL BE FOUND ONLY AFTER LONG AND TORTUOUS NEGOTIATIONS. IN ENDORSING THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AS THE BEST WAY FOR DEVELOPING MUTUAL TRUST, MINISTER STATED THAT THIS STRATEGY MUST PROCEED ACCORDING TO A FIXED TIME SCHEDULE. FRYDENLUND TOLD THE PARLIAMENT THAT HE REITERATED THE THREE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING NORWEGIAN ME POLICY WHILE IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV: "(1) CONQUEST OF LAND AREAS BY FORCE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED, (2) THERE MUST BE SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES FOR ALL STATES IN THE AREA, AND (3) A JUST SOLUTION IN WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPECT TO THE PALESTINIANS MUST BE FOUND." IN REPLY TO CONCERNS VOICED IN TEL AVIV OVER EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM PARTICIPATING AS FULL AND EQUAL MEMBER IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, FRYDENLUND SAID THAT NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS UNEQUIVOCAL ON THIS POINT, THAT "WE CONSIDER IT TO BE AN ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT ALL STATES SHALL BE REPRESENTED ON AN EQUAL FOOTING.

WE WILL THEREFORE OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE THE STATE OF ISRAEL FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS."

MEDITERRANEAN AREA-MINISTER COVERED PORTUGAL AND CYPRUS IN THIS SECTION, ON FORMER SUBJECT, HE WAS RATHER NON-COMMITTAL EMPHASIZING UNCERTAINTY OF PRESENT SITUATION, PROBLEMS OF POST-TOTALITARIAN READJUSTMENT, AND SATISFACTION WITH CONDUCT AND RESULTS OF RECENT ELECTIONS. FRYDENLUND REAFFIRMED NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND VOICED CONCERN OVER SHUT DOWN OF SOCIALIST PAPER, REPUBLICA. RE CYPRUS FRYDENLUND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT CYPRUS STILL DIVIDED AND THAT REFUGEE PROBLEM REMAINS UNRESOLVED. HE VOICED HOPE THAT VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS--THROUGH PARTICIPATION OF THE ISLAND'S TWO POPULATION GROUPS--WOULD BEAR FRUIT.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION-SPEAKING IN GENERAL TERMS, FRYDENLUND IDENTIFIED THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING THE CLOSE ATTENTION OF NORWAY ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE--UN, NATO AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE-- AND ENUMERATED WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS CONFRONTING WORLD COMMUNITY TODAY: (1) ESTABLISHING A SAFER WORLD-- WITH BUILT-IN GUARANTEES AGAINST WAR; (2) OBTAINING MASTERY OVER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; (3) PAYING DUE REGARD TO THE WORLD'S RESOURCES AND PROTECTION AGAINST POLLUTION OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND (4) THE PROBLEM OF EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION, THAT IS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WORLD'S RICH AND POOR. FRYDENLUND ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CLOSE NORDIC COOPERATION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SOMETHING HE UNCLASSIFIED

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BELIEVES DESIRABLE DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN THE NORDIC APPROACHES TO SECURITY MATTERS.

NATO- NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH OTTAWA DECLARATION AND STRESSED "GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RETAINING NATO AS THE CENTRAL FORUM FOR THE DECISION OF SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE MEMBER COUNTRIES." FRYDENLUND ALSO SAID UPCOMING SUMMIT MEETING WAS NEEDED TO "DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ALLIANCE AND ITS MEMBERS, AND TO HAVE TALKS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL ON THE EAST-WEST SITUATION BEFORE THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE SHORTLY COMES TO AN END."

CSCE- SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF FRYDENLUND' SPEECH
WAS DEVOTED TO CSCE. WHILE ADMITTING PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE IN ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SHPERES. FRYDENLUND LAMENTED LACK OF
PROGRESS ON HUMAN " ISSUES AN DBM'S. HE ENDORSED
A CSCE FOLLOW U DIALOGUE--BUT NOT "INSTITUTIONAL-
IZED" FOLLOW UP AS FAVORED BYEASTERN STATES-- ON
GROUNDS THAT SUCH MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE AN
INTRINSIC VALUE.

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